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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago. In all other locations, prices were higher on medium. Trade sentiment was steady to firm with the lighter weights in the strongest position. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were sufficient to tight with mediums in the tightest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. The National total shell egg inventory was 4% less than last week. Light type hens were at least sufficient to fully adequate for irregular slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices for mediums in the Midwest were higher. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to firm for medium. Retail demand was somewhat mixed, usually moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to good balance for the larger sizes and tight for medium and small. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand fair to fairly good. Most breakers were attempting to work from regular commitments and company owned production until additional orders dictate otherwise. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Trade setntiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-90	83-88
MEDIUM	71-79	74-76

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	54-57
SMALL	31-35
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on mediums, but unchanged on larger sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was firm on mediums and steady to fully steady on remaining sizes. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate, but the lighter weight eggs were tight to in close balance. The Northeast regional shell egg inventory was about unchanged from a week ago. The New England shell egg inventory was 14% less than last Monday. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for irregular breaking schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	89-93
LARGE	83-98	88-92
MEDIUM	69-84	74-78

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher for medium and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady with mediums still in the best position. Retail demand remained moderate to fairly good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and tight for medium.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	93-95
LARGE	87.5-95	92-95
MEDIUM	74.5-81	77-79

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady on the larger sizes and fully steady to firm on medium. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to instances tight with the lighter weighted eggs in the best position. The South Atlantic regional shell egg inventory was 2% less than last week. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were regular to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	84-91	85-88
MEDIUM	71.25-79	72-76

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices advanced 4 cents on mediums, however larger sizes were unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. The New York shell egg inventory was 5% less than a week ago. Supplies were adequate for larger sizes, although mediums were reported as close balanced to tight for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	85-89

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was modeerate to good. Supplies are adequate and balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	87-92
MEDIUM	77-84

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**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 10% lower than last week with California down 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 14% lower than last week. Retailer demand slowed at stores affected by the retail clerks strike, with deliveries difficult, but was active by unstruck stores in the south. Demand was generally moderate in the north. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 88. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, organic large dozen 299.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	135
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	108

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	269-329	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-249	LARGE	235-285
MEDIUM	199-229	MEDIUM	199-229

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 17, 2003 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 10, 2003 were 237,075 cases which was 29 percent above the prior week and 22 percent above estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	199,161	37,914	237,075
% change from the prior week.....	+35	+7	+29

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand fair to fairly good. Most breakers were attempting to work from regular commitments and company owned production until additional orders dictate otherwise. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

NEST RUN 75-77

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 62-66

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily and was generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 13-OCT-03.	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8.25-8.75	8.40
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-OCT-03

	<b>RANGE CENTS/LB.</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.5	8-8.75	8.55

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 13, 2003**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		<b>NO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>5-Area</b>	
		<b>Northeast</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>Atl</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	17.7	10.8	13.2	62.9
	Change	0.6	2.2	0.7	1.7	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.9	57.5	11.5	25.5	154.6
	Change	-1.5	11.4	-9.4	-0.5	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	51.3	106.7	86.1	89.2	441.0
	Change	4.2	-10.5	-2.4	2.4	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	41.3	12.8	16.2	109.2
	Change	-4.2	2.4	0.5	-3.2	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	7.1	7.3	3.0	4.9	27.3
	Change	2.7	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	21.6	8.1	10.6	49.7
	Change	-0.5	0.2	1.1	1.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	27.8	15.0	17.9	116.8
	Change	-1.8	-3.9	-8.0	-5.6	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	131.5	279.8	147.3	177.5	961.7
Percent	Change	0%	1%	-11%	-2%	-5%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
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Shell Egg	961.6	-5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	237.3	-1%	37

Total Shell Egg	1,198.9	-4%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggspacked for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								11.50	FUTURE LOADS								13.50	TOTAL LOADS								25.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	77.00	—	—	—	—	—	86.00	1.00									
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00		GL W XL	80.00	—	—	—	—	—	88.36	5.05									
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	79.00	—	4.50		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	86.17	6.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	77.00	—	5.50		GL W MD	—	73.00	—	—	—	—	76.00	2.00									
GL W MD	—	—	63.25	—	68.00	67.00	3.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/06/03-10/10/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
78.25								41.25								119.50							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	71.00	—	72.20	73.57	—	—	17.00	GNR BR 1	77.00	—	—	—	—	86.00	1.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	49.00	—	60.00	63.50	6.00	GL W J	82.50	—	—	—	—	91.56	4.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	74.00	75.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	80.50	82.00	—	—	—	87.78	18.00								
GL W J	—	—	83.50	85.00	80.00	—	2.50	GL W LG	80.00	85.00	—	—	—	86.43	15.75								
GL W XL	79.00	81.60	80.33	81.21	78.44	80.00	43.75	GL W MD	—	71.50	—	—	—	76.00	11.25								
GL W LG	78.00	79.00	77.30	79.23	77.15	89.65	28.75	GL W SM	—	54.75	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	66.25	—	65.06	67.33	67.43	67.08	20.50	NRBS - 48	—	76.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	45.75	—	48.29	49.00	2.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	79.00	86.00	.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	73.25	75.00	12.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	4.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/06/03	09/29/03	10/07/02
PACIFIC COAST	132	135	378
LOS ANGELES	74	76	316

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on medium and small; steady on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	106.63
LARGE	101.63
MEDIUM	91.68
SMALL	67.09

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	09/14/03-09/20/03
30-dozen case	8,261
Receipts from the mainland:	09/07/03-09/13/03
30-dozen case	7,652

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	09/21/03-09/27/03
30-dozen case	7,611
Receipts from the mainland:	09/14/03-09/20/03
30-dozen case	8,261

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	09/28/03-10/04/03
30-dozen case	7,664
Receipts from the mainland:	09/21/03-09/27/03
30-dozen case	7,611

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/14/2003

Report Period: 9/28/2003 - 10/04/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	3,418	3,418
Arkansas	0	0	1,452	1,452
Colorado	0	810	3,826	4,636
Iowa	5,900	3,650	60,986	70,536
Michigan	0	0	810	810
Minnesota	2,880	780	10,729	14,389
Missouri	0	0	1,515	1,515
Nevada	0	0	504	504
North Carolina	0	0	3,326	3,326
Ohio	0	0	2,530	2,530
Oregon	2,036	840	0	2,876
Utah	675	0	10,728	11,403
Washington	0	302	0	302
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>99,824</b>	<b>117,697</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>99,824</b>	<b>117,697</b>